

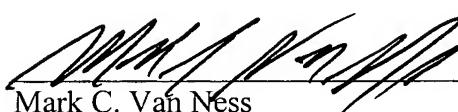
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance.

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If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-8778. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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